

**MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 300 of 1949**

**257.688 Additional lights or reflectors on buses, trucks, tractors, trailers, implement of husbandry, or special mobile equipment.**

Sec. 688. (1) In addition to other equipment required in this chapter, the following vehicles shall be equipped as provided in this section under the conditions stated in section 687:

(a) On every bus or truck, whatever its size, there shall be on the rear, 2 red reflectors, 1 on each side, and 1 red or amber stop light.

(b) On every bus or truck 80 inches or more in overall width, in addition to the requirements in subdivision (a), the following:

(i) On the front, 2 clearance lamps, 1 at each side.

(ii) On the rear, 2 clearance lamps, 1 at each side.

(iii) On each side, 2 side marker lamps, 1 at or near the front and 1 at or near the rear.

(iv) On each side, 2 reflectors, 1 at or near the front and 1 at or near the rear.

(v) Three identification lamps, mounted on the vertical centerline of the vehicle or the vertical centerline of the cab where different from the centerline of the vehicle, except that, where the cab is not more than 42 inches wide at the front roofline, a single lamp at the center of the cab shall be considered to comply with the requirements for identification lamps. The identification lamps or their mounts shall not extend below the top of the vehicle windshield.

(c) On every truck tractor, the following:

(i) On the front, 2 clearance lamps, 1 at each side.

(ii) On the rear, 1 stop light.

(d) On every trailer, pickup camper, or semitrailer having a gross weight in excess of 3,000 pounds, the following:

(i) On the front, 2 clearance lamps, 1 at each side.

(ii) On each side, 2 side marker lamps, 1 at or near the front and 1 at or near the rear.

(iii) On each side, 2 reflectors, 1 at or near the front and 1 at or near the rear.

(iv) On the rear, 2 clearance lamps, 1 at each side, also 2 reflectors, 1 at each side, and 1 stop light.

(e) On every poletrailer, the following:

(i) On each side, 1 side marker lamp and 1 clearance lamp which may be in combination, to show to the front, side, or rear.

(ii) On the rear of the poletrailer or load, 2 reflectors, 1 on each side.

(f) On every trailer, pickup camper, or semitrailer weighing 3,000 pounds gross or less, on the rear, 2 reflectors, 1 on each side if any trailer or semitrailer is so loaded or is of such dimensions as to obscure the stop light on the towing vehicle, then such vehicle shall also be equipped with 1 stop light.

(g) Subject to subsection (3), when operated on the highway, every vehicle which has a maximum potential speed of 25 miles an hour, implement of husbandry, farm tractor, or special mobile equipment shall be identified with a reflective device as follows:

(i) An equilateral triangle in shape, at least 16 inches wide at the base and at least 14 inches in height: with a dark red border, at least 1-3/4 inches wide of highly reflective beaded material.

(ii) A center triangle, at least 12-1/4 inches on each side of yellow-orange fluorescent material.

(2) The device described in subdivision (g) shall be mounted on the rear of the vehicle, broad base down, not less than 3 feet nor more than 5 feet above the ground and as near the center of the vehicle as possible. The use of this reflective device is restricted to use on slow moving vehicles specified in this section, and use of such reflective device on any other type of vehicle or stationary object on the highway is prohibited. On the rear, at each side, red reflectors or reflectorized material visible from all distances within 500 to 50 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps.

(3) An implement of husbandry manufactured on or after January 1, 2007 shall comply with section 684a.

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